



January 11, 2026

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 11, 2026

9:30am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the attendance registry found in the pews near the center aisle; pass it through the pew and back again, noting the name of your neighbors.)

PRELUDE

"Chorale"

C. Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, bring your hopes, your burdens, and your prayers.

People: We come as those in need of healing, mercy, and grace.

Leader: Come, you who carry others in love, and you who are being carried today.

People: We come as a community of faith, bound together by Christ.

Leader: Come, for God meets us in compassion, restores us in love, and frees us to live again.

People: We come to worship the God who heals, who lifts, and who makes us whole.

All: Let us worship God with joyful and faithful hearts.

*HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH 577

*UNISON PRAYER

God of compassion and wholeness, You call us to be a people who love, serve, and carry one another in faith. As we hear the story of the friends who would not give up until their loved one reached Jesus, stir in us that same joyful persistence. Remove whatever barriers keep us from Your healing grace: fear, doubt, stigma, indifference, or silence. Teach us to serve with joy, to walk beside those who are struggling, and to believe that new life is possible.

Make us a community where all are lifted, all are seen, and all are welcomed into Your presence. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings freedom, healing, and hope. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 34:8 NRSVUE

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 2:1-12 NRSVUE

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lord, Be Glorified/Sanctuary"

F. Bock

Piano: Susan Shick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

(Place your offering in the treasure chest in the narthex, mail in your giving,
or go to the GIVE tab on the website: rockportumc.org)

Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"Make Me a Servant"

FWS 2176

Sung through twice,

SERMON

"Serve Joyfully: A Faith that Frees"

Pastor Tennille

*HYMN

"Go Forth for God"

UMH 670

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor	Pastor Tennille Power
Lay Leader	Dan Newman
Music Director/Organist	Susan Shick
Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper	Sara Chapman
Sound/Video	Scott Holchin
Lector	Jeff Zullo
Ushers	Nathan & Keith Kopko

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK: Join us after worship in the parlor for fellowship and coffee hour

Monday, Jan. 12, 2026

7:00pm - Trustees

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026

6:00pm – Kid's & Youth New Year Outing, Roll House in North Olmsted

7:00pm – Book Club

Friday, Jan. 16, 2026

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026

10:00am – A.A

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026

8:30-9:00am – Early Morning Service; Communion

9:30am – Worship & Live Streamed; choir sings

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

